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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 1-25.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Lee et al, Applied Physics Letters, Volume 72, Number 19.

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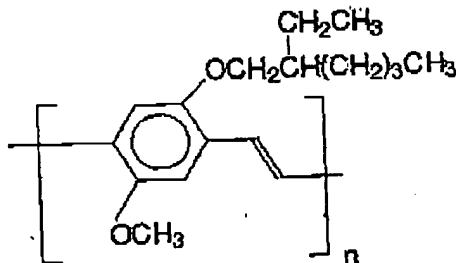


Figure 1. Chemical structure of MEH-PPV.

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CONCLUSION

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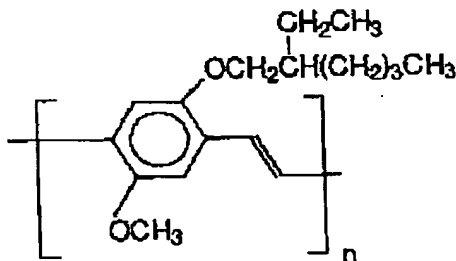


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